

City of Mountain View Temporary Eviction Relief

Effective March 27, 2020



Introductions...

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Reminder...

City Staff is not able to offer legal advice but can offer information about the temporary eviction moratorium.

How the Webinar Works...

- 1. City staff will give the presentation
- 2. Audience members can use the Q&A feature to ask questions
- 3. City staff will moderate the questions and provide answers either at the end of each section or at the end of the webinar

Agenda

- Timeline What Got Us Here
 - Eviction Moratorium Overview
- What Tenants Need to Do
- What Landlords Can Do
 - Additional Moratoriums
 - Community Resources

Timeline – What Got Us Here

- December 2019 Cases of COVID-19 emerge in China
- January 30, 2020 World Health Organization (WHO) declares
 COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency
- February 10, 2020 Santa Clara County (SCC) announces local emergency
- March 11, 2020 WHO declares pandemic
- March 16, 2020 SCC declares "shelter in place"
- March 17, 2020 Mountain View City Council approves Emergency Declaration
- March 20, 2020 CA Governor declares statewide "shelter in place"

Mountain View Eviction Moratorium

On March 27, 2020 the City Council adopted a temporary eviction moratorium to



1. Support
Community
Stability and
Provide Eviction
Protections



2. Protect Public
Health and
Safety by
Reducing Spread
of the Virus



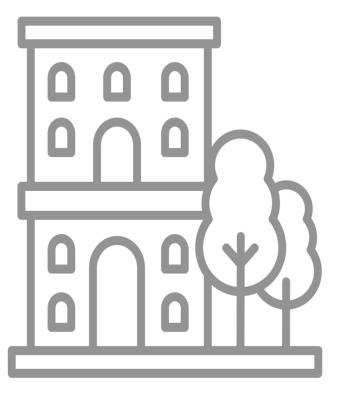
3. Reduce
Potential
Increases in
Homelessness

Mountain View Eviction Moratorium

Suspends all residential evictions

for non-payment of rent due to COVID-19 financial impacts through at least May 31, 2020.

Who's Covered?



All residential rental units in Mountain View are covered.

- Single family homes
- Condos and townhomes
- Duplexes
- Apartments
- Mobile homes and mobile home spaces
- Other types of residential units

What Tenants Qualify?

Tenants experiencing significant decrease in income because of COVID-19

Job loss or layoff

Business, store or restaurant closure

Reduction in hours worked

Substantial decrease in business hours or demand

Need to care for homebound children or sick family members Federal, State or local actions that prevent a tenant from working

Substantial out-ofpocket **medical** expenses due to the pandemic

What do Tenants Need to Do?

Qualifying tenants must:

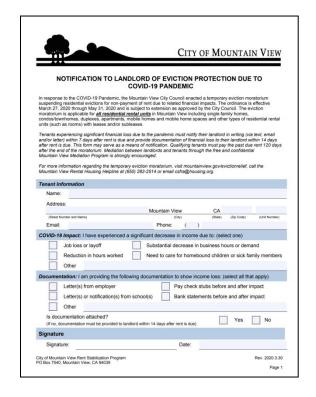
- 1. Notify landlord in writing of impact
- 2. Provide documentation of impact to landlord
- 3. Pay back the past-due rent 120 days after moratorium ends

Step 1: Notify Landlord

 Notify landlord in writing (text, email, letter) within 7 days after rent is due.

A fillable form can be found at:

mountainview.gov/evictionrelief



Step 2: Provide Documentation



2. Provide documentation of financial loss to landlord within 14 days after rent is due.

- Letter from employer
- Pay check stubs or bank statements documenting income before and after impact
- Letter or notification from school
- Other documentation like COVID-19 medical expenses

Step 3: Pay Back Past-due Rent

3. Pay back the past-due rent within 120 days after the moratorium ends.

Mediation between landlords and tenants for repayment plans is encouraged.

FYI...

The moratorium <u>does not</u> waive rent payments.

Tenants should pay rent if possible, even if it's only a partial payment.

That way they are not left with a large amount to pay after the emergency is over.

Landlords of Impacted Tenants are:

- Prevented from evicting residential tenants who are unable to pay rent due to COVID-19
 - Landlords do not determine eligibility, they <u>must accept</u> the provided notice and documentation
 - Covid-19 impact notices can be used as an affirmative defense by impacted tenants in Unlawful Detainer Court
 - Landlords who violate the ordinance are subject to code enforcement action, administrative penalties and fines pursuant to the City Code
- 2. Prohibited from charging late fees for past due rent related to the moratorium

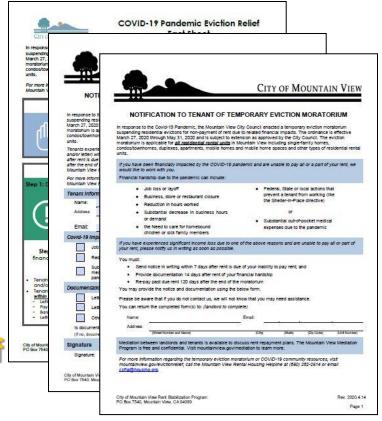
What can Landlords Do?

1. Let tenants know about the moratorium

> Proactively tell tenants about the moratorium.

A packet with a notice, fillable form for tenants and a fact sheet can be found at:

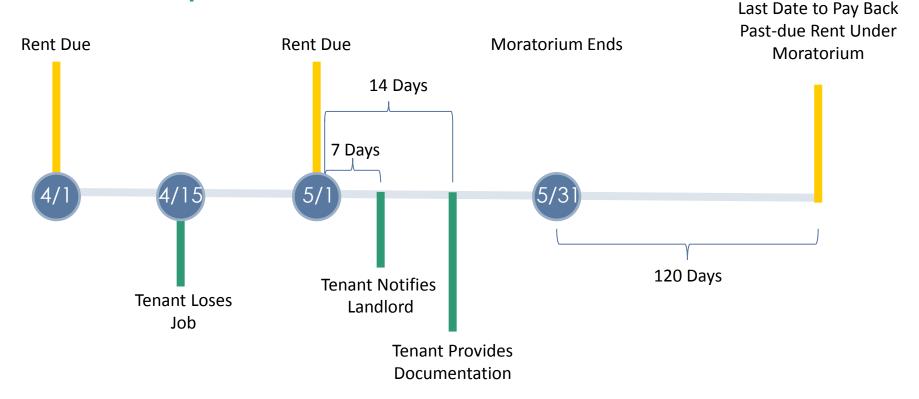
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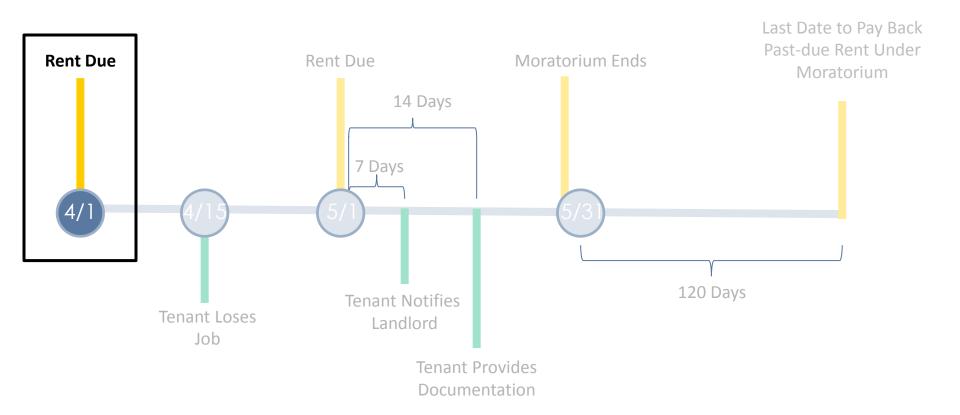


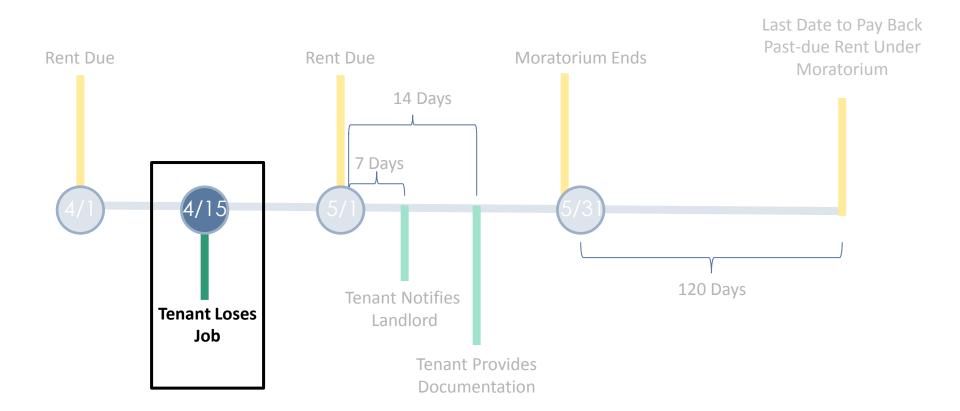
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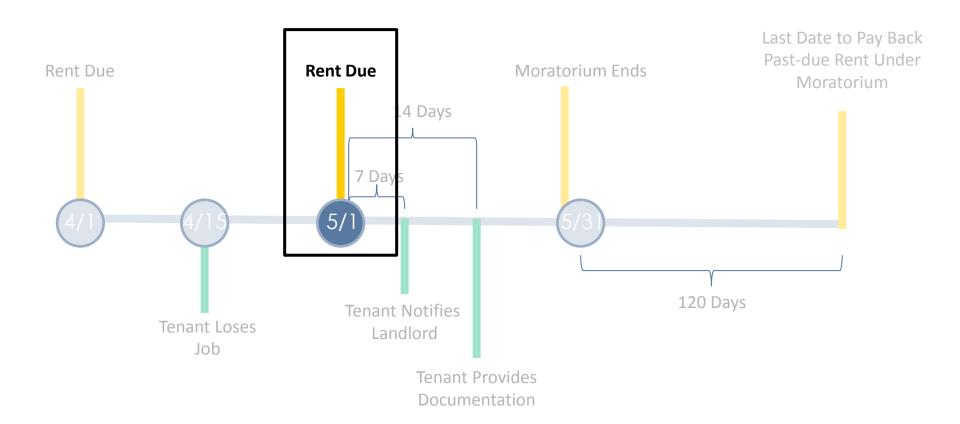
Landlords and Tenants are strongly encouraged to contact the Mountain View Mediation Program, CSFRA@housing.org, or (650) 282-2514 to negotiate a repayment plan.

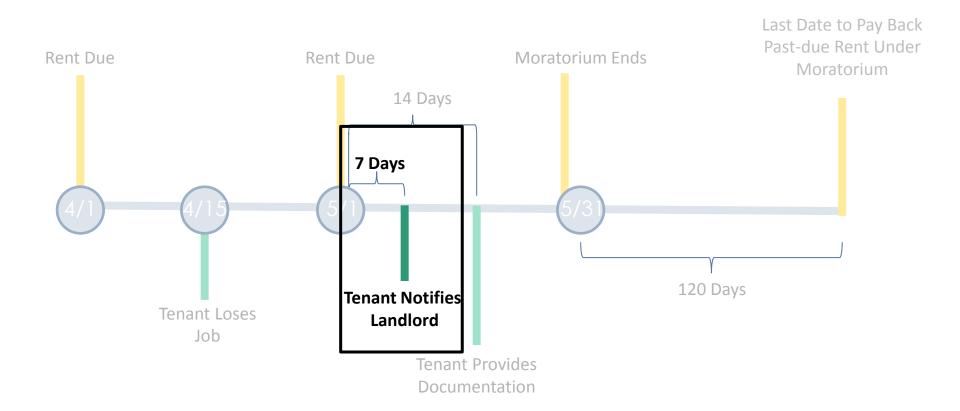
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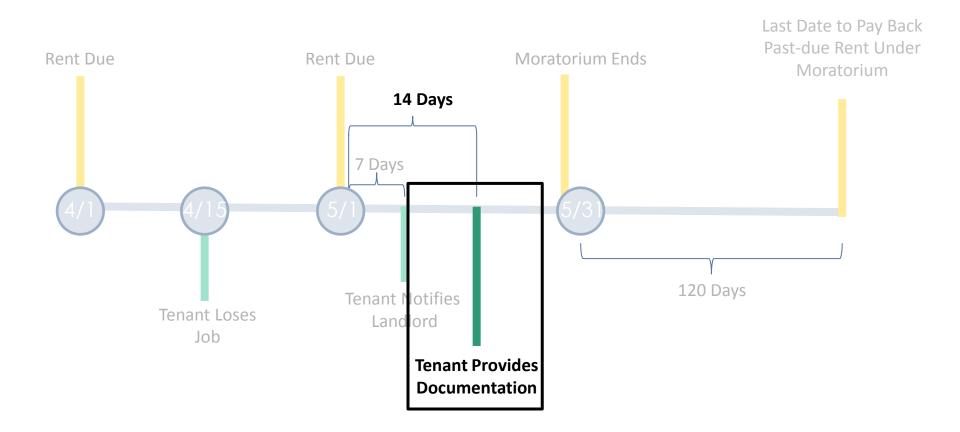


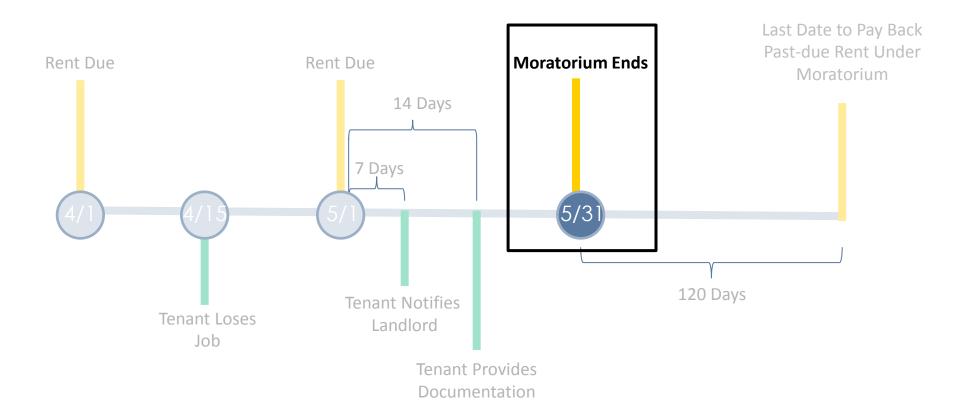


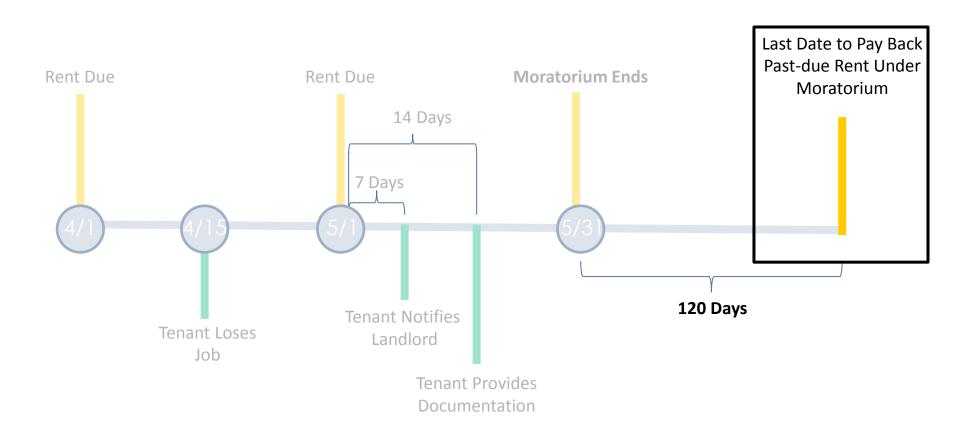












Eviction Moratoriums

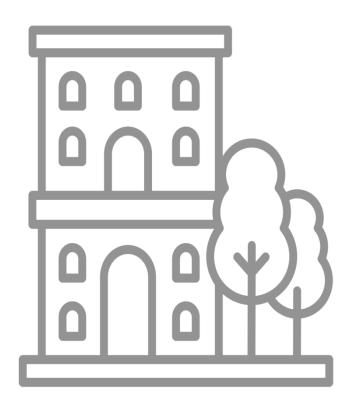
City of Mountain View

- March 27, 2020 through May 31, 2020
 Santa Clara County
- March 24, 2020 through May 31, 2020
 State Executive Order
- March 27, 2020 through May 31, 2020
 Federal Order
 - March 27, 2020 through July 25, 2020

People in Mountain View should Use...

	Mountain View	County of Santa Clara	State of California	Federal
Residential tenants impacted by COVID-19 for non- payment of rent	X			
Residential tenants impacted by COVID-19 for no- fault evictions		X		
Commercial tenants impacted by COVID-19 for non-payment of rent and no-fault evictions		X		
Unlawful Detainers: Extended timeframe (60 days) for tenants to respond			X	
Unlawful Detainer Court Proceedings: Suspended for 90 days after State emergency declaration ends			X	
Non-payment of rent: Rental properties that receive federal assistance from (HUD), (USDA), and the Treasury and mortgages backed by Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac				X

Resources...



- Website <u>www.mountainview.gov/evictionrelief</u>
- Email CSFRA@housing.org
- **Phone** (650) 282-2514
- Mountain View Mediation Program mediate4mv@housing.org
- Assistance/Resources for Tenants
- Resources for Landlords
- Legal Resources

Website

More information can be found on www.mountainview.gov/evictionrelief

- Overview on Eviction Moratorium
- Fact Sheet
- Tenant Form to Notify Landlord
- Urgency Ordinance and Resolution

Fact Sheet



COVID-19 Pandemic Eviction Relief Fact Sheet

In response to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the Mountain View City Council enacted a temporary eviction moratorium suspending residential evictions for non-payment of rent due to related financial impacts. The ordinance is effective March 27, 2020 through May 31, 2020 and is subject to extension as approved by the City Council. The eviction moratorium is applicable for all residential rental units in Mountain View including single-family homes, condos/townhomes, duplexes, apartments, mobile homes and mobile home spaces and other types of residential rental

For more information regarding the temporary eviction moratorium, visit mountainview gov/evictionreilef, call the Mountain View Rental Housing Helpline at (660) 282-2614 or email cstra@housing.org.

Landlords of tenants impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic are:



- . Prevented from evicting residential tenants who are unable to pay rent due to COVID-19
- COVID-19 impact notices can be used as an affirmative detense by impacted tenants in Unlawful Detainer Court Landlords who violate the ordinance are subject to code enforcement action.
- administrative penalties and fines pursuant to the City Code . Prohibited from charging late fees for past due rent related to the moratorium

Tenants impacted by the COVID-19 Pandemic must:

Step 1: Determine Eligibility

In order to quality, a tenant must experience a significant decrease in income due to impacts related to the pandemic; such as:



- . Business, store or restaurant closure
- Need to care for homebound children or expenses due to the pandemic
- -tenant from working Have substantial out-of-pocket medical

Federal State or local actions that asswers a

Step 2: Notify landlord of financial impact and provide documentation



Step 3: After the



- Tenants must notify their landlord in writing (via text, email and/or letter) within 7 days after rent is due
- Tenants must provide documentation to their landlord within 14 days after rent is due, like: Letter(s) from employers
- Pay check stubs before and after impact Bank statements before and after impact
- Letter(s) or notification(s) from school(s)

- moratorium ends, pay back the past due rent
- Tenants have 120 days after the moratorium ends to pay back the past
- Landlords and tenants are strongly encouraged to contact the Mountain View Mediation Program to negotiate repayment plans
- mountainview.gov/mediationprogram

City of Mountain View Rent Stabilization Program

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PO Box 7540. Mountain View, CA 94039

MV Mediation Program



- Free!
- Mediated discussion
- Confidential
- High success rate

Mountainview.gov/mediation Mediate4MV@housing.org (650)960-0495

Additional Assistance for Tenants

How to apply:

- Mountain View Rent Relief Program:
 - Send an email to: renthelp@CSACares.org
- Santa Clara County Rental Assistance:
 - Join interest list: <u>sacredheartcs.org/covid19</u>
 - Phone: 408-780-9134

FYI: There is high demand for community-based rental assistance programs.

Resources for Landlords

- Santa Clara County Property Tax: Partial payment program and multiple partial payments on installment. Waivers for penalties, costs, or other changes.
- JPMorgan Chase, Wells Fargo, Citigroup, US Bancorp & 200 state chartered banks & credit unions: Will waive mortgage payments for CA residents for a limited time. 60 day moratorium on foreclosures.
- Payback Protection Program: Administered by the US Small Business Administration to offer loans to businesses with less than 500 employees.
- Income Taxes: Deadline to file and pay Federal & California income taxes extended to July 15, 2020.

Legal Resources



Community Legal Service in East Palo Alto

(650) 391-0354 | clespa.org



Law Foundation of Silicon Valley

(408) 280-2424 | lawfoundation.org



Bay Area Legal Aid

(408) 850-7066 | baylegal.org/get-help



Superior Court Self-Help Center (408) 882-2926

Lawyer Referral Service (408) 971-6822 | www.sccba.com **35**

Santa Clara County

Bar Association

scscourt.org/self_help/civil/ud/ud_resources.shtml



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Eviction Moratoriums

	Mountain View	County of Santa Clara	State of California	Federal
Geography	Citywide	All incorporated and unincorporated areas in the County	Statewide	Nationwide
Term & Expiration	3/27/2020 until 5/31/2020	3/24/2020 until 5/31/2020	3/27/2020 until 5/31/2020	3/27/2020 until 7/25/2020
Covered Units	All residential rentals	Residential and Commercial rentals	All residential rentals	Residential rentals that receive federal assistance from (HUD), (USDA), and the Treasury and mortgages backed by Fannie Mae and Freddy Mac
Types of Eviction Protection	Non-payment of rent due to COVID-19	Non-payment of rent and no-fault evictions due to COVID-19	Non-payment of rent due to COVID-19	Non-payment of rent due to COVID-19

Eviction Moratoriums

	Mountain View	County of Santa Clara	State of California
Notification by Tenant	Notify landlord within 7 days after rent is due	No specifics to inform landlord	Notify landlord within 7 days after rent is due
Rent Repayment Period	Within 120 days after end of moratorium	Within 120 days after end of moratorium	Not applicable
Late Fees	No late fees during moratorium and 120 days after	No late fees during moratorium and 120 days after	Not applicable
Unlawful Detainer	Not addressed	Not addressed	Extension of 5 to 60 days for tenant's answer to UD
Unlawful Detainer Court Proceedings	Not addressed	Not addressed	Suspended for 90 days after State emergency declaration ends